

ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE:

The Restriction Requirement alleges a restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-12 and 23 drawn to a method for demand breakout for a supply chain, classified in class 705, subclass 22.
- II. Claims 13-22 and 24 drawn to a system for demand breakout for a supply chain, classified in class 705, subclass 29.

Applicants elect to pursue Group I. Group I is directed to a method for demand breakout for a supply chain. Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing election is not acquiescence in the propriety of the restriction or in the accuracy in the determination and/or identification of the alleged “unrelated inventions” in the subject Application.

Applicants elect to pursue Claims 1-12 and 23 (which are directed to a single species). Applicants reiterate that the foregoing election is not an acquiescence in the propriety of the restriction or in the accuracy in the determination and/or identification of an alleged “species” in the subject Application. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, as the Requirement is improper.

REMARKS:

Applicants hereby elect Group I including Claims 1-12 and 23 (which are directed to a single species), which are further directed to a method for demand breakout for a supply chain, without traverse, in accordance with the applicable Rules of Practice and to advance the prosecution of the subject Application.

Because, Applicants have elected an alleged Group and set forth the claims directed to that Group, as set forth by the Examiner, this response is complete. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, Steven J. Laureanti, at (480) 830-2700 with any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to the subject Application.

CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing election and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Although Applicants believe no fees are deemed to be necessary; the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 500777**. If an extension of time is necessary for allowing this Response to be timely filed, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to the extent necessary. Any fee required for such Petition for Extension of Time should be charged to **Deposit Account No. 500777**.

Please link this application to Customer No. 53184 so that its status may be checked via the PAIR System.

Respectfully submitted,

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